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JEWEL THIEVES TRUST HARVEST IS \$1,662,500

At Least Six Bands in International Combine—Two of Them Are American.

[Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch.] London, September 6.—About \$1,662,500 of jewels, gold and bonds has been stolen during the last eighteen months by the members of a gigantic international trust of jewel thieves. Of all these immensely valuable items few have been recovered, despite the earnest and sagacious efforts of the detectives of seven countries, America, England, Russia, Belgium, France, Holland and Germany. These astounding statements are made on the authority of the highest officials of Scotland Yard. They say that the search for Max Mayer's \$750,000 pearl necklace, stolen in transit by registered mail from London to Paris

last July, revealed the existence of this international trust of jewel thieves.

Six Bands in the Trust.

The trust comprises at least six bands of scientific thieves. In the actual robberies, each band works by itself; they combine only to dispose of their spoils. Two of the bands are American, one is composed mainly of Russians, another of Parisians, a third of Englishmen.

The Scotland Yard detectives assert the bands combined two years ago so that they might find new markets and so outwit the police of Europe and America, who had learned where they sold their loot.

How the Plunder Is Sold.

Said a Scotland Yard inspector today: "There is no business so profitable as that of jewel-thieving on a wholesale scale, and accordingly the appointment of fifty or so trustworthy agents in the hitherto unexploited cities of far-off continents, though perhaps expensive for one or two gangs to attempt alone, became a simple proposition for half a dozen to handle."

"A rope of fifty pearls can be broken up, and through this organization be disposed of in a dozen cities as far apart as Melbourne and Peking."

Here is a list of the ten successful thefts, involving \$1,662,500, committed by the members of the international combine in the last eighteen months:

Some Recent Robberies.

March 14, 1912: Jewels valued at

\$25,000 were stolen during transit by train from Paris to Amsterdam.

July 12, 1912: Three bonds valued at \$50,000 were stolen from the Credit Foncier d'Algerie Bank, Paris.

July 23, 1912: Jewels valued at \$25,000 were stolen from the Princess of Thurn and Taxis at Ostend.

July 31, 1912: At Moscow the Princess Schakowsky was robbed of gems valued at over \$500,000.

August 4, 1912: Jewels valued at \$75,000 were stolen from Senor Cruz, a diamond merchant of Lisbon.

November 27, 1912: Gold ingots, worth \$25,000, were stolen during transit between Bremen and Switzerland.

March 3, 1913: The Grand Duchess Marie Pavlovna was robbed at St. Petersburg of jewels valued at \$200,000.

June 16, 1913: Jewels valued at \$12,500 were stolen from a well-known Paris hotel.

July 16, 1913: The theft of the \$750,000 necklace during transit by post from Paris to London.

The Scotland Yard inspector has left out of his reckoning the value of the jewels stolen at American summer resorts, estimated at \$300,000 in 1911—the year the international trust was organized—some what less in 1912 and \$500,000 in 1913.

FINDS BACON PROOF IN BARD'S EPITAPH

Sir Edwin Durning-Lawrence Gives First Correct Version.

[Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch.] London, September 6.—Sir Edwin Durning-Lawrence, in seeking to prove Bacon wrote the Shakespeare plays, gives out the following:

In the 1623 edition of the Shakespeare plays, known as the First Folio, no epitaph appears, for although William Shakespeare, of Stratford, had been dead seven years, the real author, Francis Bacon, was still alive. But Bacon died in 1626; accordingly in the 1623 edition of the plays, known as the Second Folio, we read:

What neede my Shakespeare for his honour'd bones.
The labour of an Age, in piled stones
Or that his hallow'd Reliques should be hid
Under a starre-pointed Pyramid?

Dear Some of Memory, great Heire of Fame,
What needest thou such dull witness
of thy Name?
Thou in our wonder and astonishment
Hast built thy selfe a lasting Monument.

For whilst, to th' shame of slow-endeavouring Art,
Thy easie numbers flow, and that each part
Hath from the leaves of thy unvalued Brooke
Those Delphicke Lines with deepe Impression took:
Then thou our fancy of her selfe be-
reaving,
Dost make us Marble with too much conceiving,
And so Sepulch'rd in such pompe dost lie,
That Kings for such a Tombe would wish to die.

I insert here the whole poem because, so far as I have been able to ascertain, it has never been correctly printed.

SEVERAL CHANGES IN V. M. I. FACULTY

Institution Opens With Largest Number of Cadets in Its History.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Lexington, Va., September 6.—The Virginia Military Institute opened yesterday with the largest number of cadets on its rolls in the history of the institution. Not only are the numbers in barracks the largest, but there is a waiting list of sixty or more men, who are ready to enter just as soon as vacancies occur.

General Nichols returned to Lexington on September 1, and since that time he has been actively engaged in the routine work of matriculating the new men who have been coming in in a steady stream all during the week. The new men, under the command of the cadet commissioned and non-commissioned officers, are being introduced to the fundamentals of a soldier's life, drill taking place twice daily on the parade ground. The old men returned on Friday. Orders have been issued from headquarters stating that the

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regular academic duties will be resumed on Monday morning.

Several important changes have been made in the faculty of the Institute. Lieutenant Russell James, United States Infantry, graduate of the class of 1905, reported to the superintendent the early part of the week for duty. He will occupy the chair of military science, which was filled last year by Colonel H. W. T. Eglin, C. A. C. U. S. Army. Another new appointee is Major Ernest A. Sale, brother of Adjutant General W. W. Sale. He will be quartermaster and commissary. According to the orders of the Board of Visitors, Lieutenant-Colonel F. H. Smith has been appointed colonel and professor of secondary mathematics; Major Barclay Poague, lieutenant-colonel and associate professor of engineering, and Captain M. F. Edwards, major and adjunct professor of German. The officers entered upon their new duties September 1.

In addition to these changes the Governor has issued commissions as follows: K. S. Purdie, class 1912, of Norfolk, captain and adjutant; A. F. Kibler, class 1912, captain and assistant professor of English and history; C. G. Miller, of Richmond, captain and assistant professor of physics. Only three resignations were accepted at the June meeting of the board. Colonel H. W. T. Eglin resigned as professor of military science, and is now stationed at Fort Washington; Colonel J. W. Gilmore resigned as quartermaster, and Captain Anderson as assistant professor of physics.

With the resumption of classes on Monday morning and of dress parade in the afternoon the session of 1913-14 will formally open.

IN HONOR OF RICHMOND WOMEN.

Mrs. F. H. Sweet Gives Muscular for Mrs. D. J. E. Vest.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Waynesboro, Va., September 6.—Mrs. F. H. Sweet was the hostess on Tuesday, at a delightful musicale given at her home in honor of her guest, Mrs. D. J. E. Vest, of Richmond, and of Mrs. Vest's friends from Petersburg, Richmond and Norfolk, who are guests at Brunswick Inn. The house was decorated with cut flowers and growing plants, and the verandas were made attractive in the same manner.

Those who took part in the program were: Miss Gertrude Wissler, who rendered a piano solo; Mrs. Vest, the guest of honor, soprano solo; Mrs. Albert Clark, contralto solo; Mrs. Hugh Mercer Blaine, piano solos; Mrs. Norman Call, of Richmond, soprano solos; Miss Jane Cushman, piano solos, and Miss Job Lindsey.

After the program was over the guests were invited out on the spacious veranda, where delicious refreshments were served.

INCREASE IN ATTENDANCE.

Freshman Class at Elon College Numbers 116 Students.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Elon College, N. C., September 6.—The work of matriculation, registration and classification of the student body for the twenty-fourth annual fall term of Elon College, began on Wednesday of this week and has continued until this date, with a substantial increase over last year in attendance. The freshman class this year numbers 116, and an unusually large number of the old students have returned. The registration will not be completed until the last of next week.

The reorganization of the administration force into departments is giving great satisfaction. The college dean, Dr. J. U. Newman; dean of men, Dr. W. P. Lawrence, and dean of wom-

en, Miss Bessie Urquhart, together with the bursar, R. A. Campbell, and the president, constitute the reorganized administration working force for the year.

Dr. E. E. Randolph was given a very hearty welcome to his position as head of the German and French department. Dr. Randolph comes to Elon this year from Erskine College, having gone from Elon to Erskine three years ago. Other members of the teaching force added for this year are Miss Lois Baird Davidson, of the New England Conservatory, a graduate of the music department of this institution, and also of the college department; E. L. Daughtry, A. L. Hook, I. J. Keitum and H. E. Jorgenson, are busy in their respective departments.

On last evening the faculty gave the annual formal reception to the student body in the parlors of the West Dormitory, being assisted by the senior class.

GETS YEAR IN PENITENTIARY.

T. A. Windle Convicted at Pulaski of Shooting Young Man.

Pulaski, Va., September 6.—The case of the Commonwealth against T. A. Windle ended yesterday evening in a verdict of one year in the penitentiary. Windle, a prominent and wealthy man, nearly two years ago shot and severely wounded young Edwin Howard.

The case has been tried three times. The first verdict was for five years.

The second trial resulted in a hung jury. In the trial just concluded the jury had been out almost two days, apparently being hopelessly divided. To get the case settled, counsel on both sides agreed that the opinion of a majority of the jury should fix the verdict. This resulted as stated.

Elijah Brown, a negro, was also convicted by another jury and given two years in the penitentiary. His case was almost identical with Windle's. In each case a young boy was shot as he fled from a middle-aged man. In each case the plea of the defendant was accidental shooting.

FREED OF MURDER CHARGE

Hannibal Taggart Not Guilty of Causing Daughter's Death.

Nashville, Ind., September 6.—Hannibal Taggart, charged with the murder of his sixteen-year-old daughter, Norma, was acquitted by the jury, which returned a verdict at 4:30 this morning after deliberating since 6 o'clock last evening. He was indicted by the grand jury jointly with his brother, Frank, recorder of Brown County, and the brother's wife, Ella, of murder in the second degree, it being contended the child died of fright because of constant cruel treatment. The other two are to be tried separately.

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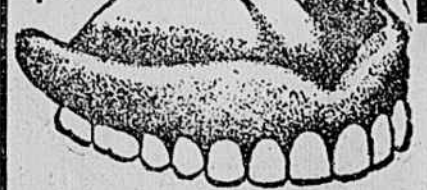
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